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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Robert E. Cushman, Jr.  
Office of the Vice President of the United States  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Selection of exceptionally important [redacted] STATSPEC  
monitoring reports.

REFERENCE: Memorandum to the Vice President dated 5 February 1958  
entitled "Khrushchev's Speeches at Niinak".

25X1A [redacted] of the Director's office has advised me of your conversation with him of this morning in which you mentioned the referenced memorandum and expressed interest in receiving additional [redacted] monitoring reports on a carefully selected basis. I gather that you do not wish to have the full flow of the [redacted] material and would prefer that from time to time, we select and forward to you certain items which appear to us especially significant.

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Accordingly, I enclose herewith, for your information, the following items, all of which have been chosen because of their especial significance and relevance to the mounting tension within the Soviet Bloc and as between the Soviet Bloc and the free world. I would recommend that you read these items consecutively as listed in order to derive the clearest understanding of their significance.

In general the significance of the items which I enclose is as follows: In Khrushchev's speech to the Bulgarian Communists he went farther than ever before in the reversal of the course which he himself laid down at the 20th Party Congress in February 1956, at which time he delivered the now famous secret speech attacking Stalin. The fact that this speech was delivered from Sofia was probably designed to add insult to the injury aimed at the Yugoslav regime. The second item, via. the Communist Chinese attack on Tito, came about a month earlier and was the

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real kick-off in the current all out attack against the Yugoslav regime and "revisionism" throughout the Communist world. The third item is Tito's reply of June 15, 1958 to the attacks of both the Chinese and Khrushchev, and in this reply, Tito defended himself with great strength and vigor, going over onto a counter-attack of his own in charging that the Chinese Communists are not interested in peace but on the contrary are attempting to increase international tensions because of their own internal difficulties. Next comes the Hungarian broadcast announcing the execution of the former Hungarian Premier Nagy and others, which broadcast was made on 16 June, immediately following a previous announcement of the execution from Moscow. This is followed by an item of 21 June which gives the Yugoslav comments on the Nagy execution and another dated 23 June which gives the Polish reaction to the Nagy execution. All of these documents tie together and all are directly and definitely interrelated.

The last item, viz. Moscow comments on the Lebanese situation, is included because of the extreme sensitivity of that situation and the importance of Soviet reaction to the developments in Lebanon.

Please let me know if this selection of documents meets with your approval, and if not, what other approach you would like to have us follow in supplying your requirement.

(Signed) FRANK G. WISNER

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Attachments (7)

cc: DCI ✓  
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Following note received by telephone from  
[REDACTED] DD/P, transmitted to AD/O  
[REDACTED] for information:

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Talked with Colonel Cushman today and  
asked if there had been any reaction from  
the V.P. to the items selected and sent  
recently. He said that there had been none  
but that he would appreciate CIA's continuing  
to select and forward outstanding speeches  
similar to those sent by the Wisner memo.

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Carbon copy of attached sent to AD/0 30 June 1958  
with following note from DD/I:

"Per agreement with FGW (Wisner), you will pick  
up the ball on this, establishing direct relations  
with Cushman. Make arrangements for takeover  
with DD/P. RAJr."

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